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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

BOX: PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application on its merits, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel Claims 1-42, with out prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims:

--43. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which comprises DNA having at least 87% nucleic acid sequence identity to:

- (a) a nucleotide sequence that encodes a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 1 to 180 of the amino acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:1,
- (b) a nucleotide sequence that encodes a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 21 to